

Eight Years, \$170 Million Later Full Power For Palisades

BY PAUL DODSON
Staff Writer

Eight years and \$170 million later, the Consumers Power company's atomic power plant in Covert township has received authorization to operate at full power.

Kalamazoo division manager W.A. Holtgreive today announced Consumers has been notified by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission that restrictions on the operation of the 700,000 kilowatt facility have been lifted for the plant on the shore of Lake Michigan a few miles south of South Haven.

"The plant output had been held to approximately 85 per cent of full power since December, pending completion of fuel densification analyses by the AEC on pressurized water reactor systems such as Palisades," said Holtgreive's news release. "The results of the studies now show no safety problems would occur from easing the restrictions. The plant will be allowed to operate at full power for a period of several months," he said.

A provisional license authorizing full power operation had been issued by the AEC last October but the restrictions were imposed because of the fuel studies.

"Throughout the (Kalamazoo) hearings, conducted by the AEC's atomic safety and licensing board which began in June, 1970, a full review of safety and environmental factors was made assuming the plant would operate at full power," said Holtgreive.

It was in June, 1965 that Consumers Power announced it had acquired 600 acres of land in Covert township and that it intended to build an electricity generating plant. It was first announced that the plant could cost up to \$80 million but since that time the cost has nearly tripled.



NEW ROADBLOCK: Dick Wilson, right, Oglala Sioux tribal president, directs local concerned Oglala Sioux at roadblock he ordered set up Monday Morning. The roadblock is to prevent food and

supplies from reaching members of the American Indian Movement holding Wounded Knee. (AP Wirephoto)

Wounded Marshal's Condition 'Serious'

WOUNDED KNEE, S.D. (AP)—A U.S. Marshall who was wounded in a major flareup of gunfire at the besieged village of Wounded Knee was reported in serious condition today.

Federal negotiators, meanwhile, said they were willing to talk with militant Indians in the village despite the shooting incident.

U.S. Marshal Lloyd Grimm was hit by a single burst of gunfire from within the village late Monday afternoon, according to Wayne Colburn, chief of the U.S. Marshals Service. Grimm, 56, is from Omaha, Neb.

Colburn said Grimm, who usually works in a command post area in nearby Pine Ridge, was at a roadblock manned by marshals to obtain firsthand knowledge of the activities of American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders who have occupied the tiny hamlet for 28 days.

The wounded marshal was taken to Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colo., after receiving transfusion at Pine Ridge.

"His condition was reported serious, but not critical," Colburn said, adding that x-rays indicated the bullet missed the spinal cord and vital organs. The bullet which entered his chest left through his back.

Grimm underwent a five-hour operation at the hospital to relieve pressure on his spine and was reported in stable condition following the operation.

Grimm's physician reported there was some paralysis involving the lower portion of the body but the full extent of the paralysis will not be known for several days, a hospital spokesman said.

Colburn said the marshals and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents manning perimeter roadblocks did not return fire until about four minutes after Grimm was hit.

"At one point all six roadblocks were receiving fire," Colburn said. "It was the heaviest exchange of gunfire during the occupation."

Assistant Marshal William Hall said fire came from bunkers on the outskirts of Wounded Knee and from within the village. He said several occupants of the hamlet were moving between bunkers and (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)



WAITING TO GO HOME: A U.S. Army nurse naps and other military personnel while away the time Tuesday as they go through processing to leave Vietnam. This scene is at Tan Son Nhut Air Base's Camp Alpha near Saigon, where several thousand U.S. troops are preparing for the final withdrawal of American forces. (AP Wirephoto)

South Bend Woman, Too Covert, Cass Men Vie For Million

Two men from southwestern Michigan and a South Bend woman are among 120 persons named yesterday as semi-finalists in Michigan's second \$1 million lottery drawing set for April 5.

Each is assured of winning at least \$1,000, and each has a chance to become a finalist in the drawing. Seven of the finalists will win \$5,000, one \$50,000, one \$100,000 and the other one cool million dollars.

Beating the 1,000 to one odds to become semi-finalists were Ronnell R. Wilson, 32, of 76th avenue, Covert, and Richard W. Mosher, 45, route 1, Cassopolis, from southwestern Michigan, and Mrs. Edward (Agnes) Dooley, 48, South Bend.

Wilson, who is married and has three sons, is employed as a

molder at Bond Aluminum and Brass company, plant six, South Haven. Mosher, who is single, is a meat cutter at Buy-low supermarket, M-51 south, Dowagiac.

They were entered in the \$1 million drawing by each holding a \$25 weekly winner. The 120 semifinalists were selected from among 120,000 weekly winners since the first millionaire drawing in Lansing Feb. 22.

Both Wilson and Mosher report they are regular lottery ticket buyers, picking up three to six chances each week. Wilson got his winner at Green's market, Covert. Mosher said bought his winning chance at either Dowagiac drug store or Keeley's grocery, Dowagiac.

Mrs. Dooley has had good luck with the lottery. The

ticket that has given her a 120 to one shot at \$1 million was one of two 50 cent chances she has purchased. She said she bought them in a store south of Niles.

The millionaire drawing will be held at 6:45 p.m. April 5 at the Light Guard Armory in Detroit.

The semifinalists, determined by an elimination drawing last Thursday, are made up of 35 women and 85 men.

Twenty-four are from Detroit, with Lansing and East Detroit having four contestants each. Six are from out of state.

How do the local men feel about their chances at \$1 million? "Real excited," said Wilson. "Feel pretty good," Mosher stated.

Mrs. Dooley said, "If I win it's great. If I don't I won't lose any sleep over it."

Electric Bill Increase Will Average 13%

The average residential electric bill will go up 13 per cent as a result of a rate increase granted to Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. by the Michigan Public Service commission, I & M announced.

Breakdowns on increases for commercial and industrial users was not available this

morning.

The commission authorized I & M to increase its annual revenue by \$2,901,000, with the new rates placed in effect Saturday, March 24.

The new retail rate will affect about 69,000 users in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, according to I & M officials.

CST For West UP Proposed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Department of Transportation has proposed that four counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula be transferred from the Eastern Time Zone, which now embraces all of the state, to the Central Time Zone.

The department said it would accept comment until April 6 on the proposed transfer and also as to whether other Michigan counties also should be changed.

The department acted in response to petition from the commissioners of Gogebic, Iron, Dickinson and Menominee counties.

The counties asked for the change in order to develop closer commercial relations with neighboring communities of Wisconsin, which is in the Central Time Zone. They also noted the recent decision of Michigan to observe advanced time, more commonly known as daylight time, starting this year.

Gogebic County is as far west as St. Louis, and all four counties are farther west from Chicago—Central Time Zone cities.

The proposed changes would go into effect at 2 a.m. April 29, the start of the advanced time period. The Secretary of Transportation has authority over time zone limits under the Uniform Time Act of 1966.

Paw Paw Lake Golf Open Sat. Adv.

Cong Release POW Brother Of St. Joe Woman

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON
Staff Writer

The brother of a St. Joseph woman was one of 32 POWs released yesterday by the Viet Cong.

He is Army Spec. 5 Tom Y. Kobashigawa, 24.

The released POW is the brother of Mrs. James Cox, of 2794 Carrie lane, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Cox said her mother, who resides in Honolulu, Hawaii, received a call at 4:30 a.m. today that Kobashigawa was among the group released by the Viet Cong. The plane was to have arrived in the Philippines by this afternoon.

Mrs. Cox said her brother has been a POW for a little over three years, having been cap-

tured when his helicopter was shot down over South Vietnam.

Mrs. Cox's mother is reported to have received three letters from her son while he was in prison, and another ex-POW who knew her son told the family Tom was "in good spirits."

Mrs. Cox and her brother were born and raised in Honolulu.

Asked if she was excited about the news of her brother's release, Mrs. Cox could only reply: "Of course!"

She also noted that the four children of a neighbor, the Edward Miller family, of 1041 Vinewood, have been wearing her brother's POW bracelet since the time of his capture.



TOM KOBASHIGAWA
POW Released

Bridgman Picks Queen

BY GARRETT DeGRAFF
Staff Writer

BRIDGMAN—Debbie Zemke received an extra special birthday present last night when she was crowned Miss Bridgman 1973 from a field of 20 contestants.

Miss Zemke, who turned 18 today, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zemke, Ott road, Bridgman, and a Bridgman high school senior. She is 5 feet 5, a blonde and has green eyes.

The new queen will represent Bridgman in the Miss Blossomtime pageant April 16 at the Benton Harbor high school gymnasium.

First runner-up was Denise Ott, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rein Ott, route 1, Gast road, Bridgman. Named second runner-up was Polly Teramo, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geno Teramo, route 1, Dunewood road, Bridgman. Both are Bridgman high school seniors.

Selected Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants was another Bridgman senior, Doran Ott, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

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MISS BRIDGMAN
Debbie Zemke

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How Welfare 'Non-System' Boosts Its Own Rolls

Michigan Gov. William Milliken's 1974 budget proposes spending \$714.5 million in state money on social services (welfare). That amount, according to Citizens Research Council of Michigan, is \$72.5 million, or 11.3 per cent, more than the \$642 million budgeted for this year.

But that's only half the story. The federal government will spend about the same amount in Michigan during 1974, making a total welfare bill for the state of \$1.43 billion.

Citizens Research Council reports that "nearly \$32 million of the (\$72.5 million state) increase is for the AFDC program, resulting from a caseload rise of 14,500 families (from 173,000 to 187,500) and higher monthly allowances for shelter, heating and personal needs. The Medicaid program will require an extra \$27 million, due to the addition of a dental care program for all recipients under age 21 and to general liberalization of eligibility standards. The adult categorical grant programs (AABD) will require \$6 million extra due to an 11,000 caseload increase."

Why—in prosperous times—do the welfare rolls keep increasing? A perhaps partial but nevertheless significant answer was made last weekend in the form of a report on a lengthy congressional study: it's often better living on welfare than working.

Documenting for the first time the effects of all 100 government income maintenance programs, the Joint Economic Committee of Congress concluded that overlapping programs make it possible for recipients to derive more benefits from welfare than they could possibly get by working.

At the same time, said the group's subcommittee on fiscal policy, the system neglects some equally needy families and is plagued by programs

which work against each other to undermine the legislative intent of Congress.

Surveying 1,758 households in six low-income areas, the subcommittee headed by Michigan Democratic Martha Griffiths—certainly no hard-shelled reactionary—found that more than half the families receiving benefits participated in more than one program, and that 19 per cent participated in five or more. By taking advantage of overlapping programs, the study showed, many families received far more income than the median amount received by their working neighbors.

The committee's report cited one example of a mother of 10 children in a midwestern city who received \$793 a month in tax free benefits, an income comparable \$10,000-a-year wage earner, although the mother's income probably is comparatively much better than that.

"One of the most unfortunate aspects" of the overlapping programs, said Congresswoman Griffiths, "is that we are wasting money duplicating administrative tasks. Meanwhile, these programs are stumbling all over each other and preventing one another from effectively carrying out" the rehabilitative and charitable purposes that Congress intended.

Mrs. Griffiths and other members of the committee concede they don't have any immediate solution to the difficulties shown in the study. They expressed hope Congress or the White House might come up with something.

A solution doesn't seem all that tough. Except for the elderly and handicapped, why not cut back benefits to a point where working is better than not working? Consolidate the programs to a status of one-family, one-payment. And fire half or more of the bureaucrats.

Thieu Comes Looking For American Dollars

The Vietnam War cost the United States billions of dollars, and the Vietnam peace may cost billions more. South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu's forthcoming visit to this country should give some indication of how much money is involved. Thieu will confer with President Nixon at San Clemente, Calif., April 2-3.

In talks with Nixon a short while ago, Thieu said, "We won't discuss war any more, only reconstruction."

Besides reconstruction aid, Thieu evidently wants assurances of continued U.S. economic assistance, which currently amounts to around \$500 million a year. He told newsmen March 3 that, "We have entered a new phase of relationships with the United States, and maybe also a new kind of help, of aid, with less military and more economic, humanitarian and social aid."

South Vietnam's needs are many and varied. According to U.S. News and World Report, "They range from power plants and a new passenger jet for the national airline to a request for help in overcoming a trade deficit of more than half a billion dollars a year." Moreover, new jobs must be found for the thousands of Vietnamese civilians who worked directly for the

U.S. military.

President Nixon no doubt will give Thieu a sympathetic hearing, but Congress may be more difficult to win over. Nevertheless, Thieu will try to do so. After meeting with Nixon, he will travel to Washington for private consultations with key senators and representatives about the aid question.

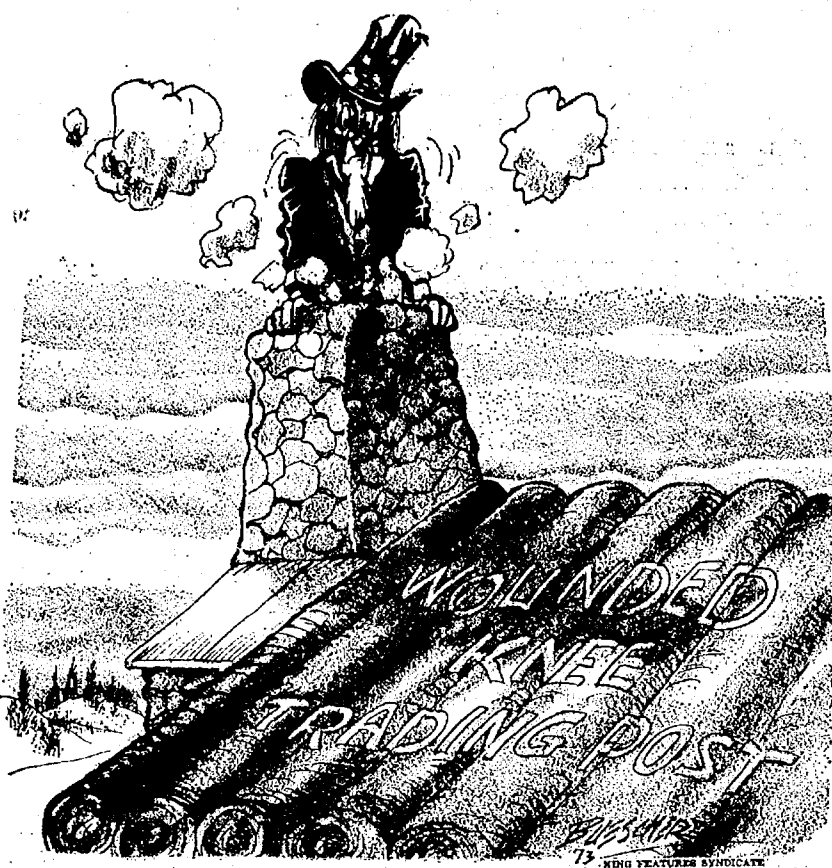
While President Nixon regards American aid as an "investment in peace," he acknowledges the criticism and controversy that his plan to help Indochina "recover from the ravages of a generation of war" has generated. During a news conference on Jan. 31, the President indicated that "Many congressmen and senators and many of the American public are not keen on helping any of the countries in that area, just as they are not keen on foreign aid in general." Later, he said: "Even though I might believe that a program of reconstruction... is an investment in peace, the Congress has to... support it."

The main difficulty is that Congress does not yet know what it is being asked to support. No detailed aid plan has been officially proposed, nor has the White House said what such a program might cost. There is no money for reconstruction aid in the fiscal 1974 budget Nixon sent to Congress on Jan. 29. If redevelopment funds could be provided only by cutting back on domestic programs, the entire program may prove unacceptable to many members of Congress.

Though an erupting volcano brings to mind pictures of flowing rivers of boiling lava, not all active volcanoes emit lava, the National Geographic Society says. Mount Taal in the Philippines, with a history of death and destruction, has spewed forth noxious gases, steaming mud and ash, and white hot rocks, but never lava.

The solar corona, the white hot halo of luminous gas that is most visible when the moon blocks the sun's dazzling face during an eclipse, thrusts streamers more than 5,000,000 miles into space, National Geographic says.

Stuck



GLANCING BACKWARDS

NEW MISS BARODA IS SANDRA RADTKE

— 1 Year Ago —

Sandra Lee Radtke, a Lakeshore high school junior, was crowned Miss Baroda 1972 last night by Kathy Reitz, Miss Baroda and Miss Blossomtime 1971.

Sandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Radtke, 8270 Ruggles road, Baroda. She enjoys sewing, painting, drawing and swimming and is an honor roll student. She plans to attend college after graduation.

RESERVE CHAMP IN HORSE SHOW

— 10 Years Ago —

Miss Mary Ann Zitta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Zitta, 2307 Young place, garnered enough points in the annual spring horse show at the University of Michigan last weekend to become reserve champion.

Miss Zitta, show co-chairman with Miss Judy Mathieu, daughter of Joseph Mathieu of Bridgman, won 17 points in various events.

SET TO INVADE ENEMY SOIL

— 29 Years Ago —

Russian artillery shelled the soil of Rumania proper within 190 miles of the Ploesti oil fields today after the Red army had advanced to the narrow Prut river on a 53-mile-front.

While the broken German armies of the southeast recoiled further back into the troubled Balkans, heavy British bombers "in very great strength" dumped 2,240 tons of explosives on Essen, the Ruhr home of the Krupp works. Others hammered the German rubber center of Hannover and other Reich targets and snarled railway lines at Courtrai in Belgium. Only nine bombers were lost.

UNITED SERVICE

— 39 Years Ago —

Six St. Joseph churches will join in union observance of Good Friday on March 30 at Zion Evangelical church from noon to 3 p.m. and stores will be closed during those hours.

OPEN BUSINESS

— 49 Years Ago —

Title Brothers are to begin business in their newly remodeled and re-decorated store at 215 State street, one of the most modern in this section.

REDECORATE HOME

— 59 Years Ago —

The interior of August Anderson's home on Lake Boulevard is being beautifully decorated. The work is being done by C. B. Kruger, son of Charles Kruger, founder of the Hotel Whitcomb, first known as the St. Charles.

MORE RUMORS

— 83 Years Ago —

Rumor whispers that a new steamer being built by the Goodrich Transportation company is to be run on the route between Chicago and St. Joseph. But there are more rumors in this vicinity this time of the year than there are steamboats on the lake.

Ray Cromley

Bureaucratitis

Hurts Presidents



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Any president of the United States (Republican or Democrat) is now caught in such a tangled web of Civil Service regulations and rules there is only one way in which he can control his sprawling departments and agencies:

Sections of the government must be ruthlessly dismantled, broken up and shifted from one agency to another. Not for efficiency of operations. But because only by this rejuggling loophole can a president with some relative freedom take men out of one job or another and assign them some place else.

All this, so that some major cliques of entrenched bureaucrats used to ruling their own roosts in their own way regardless of who is president can be broken up.

The breakup of these cliques then is a major reason for the radical remodeling of the executive departments and agencies President Nixon is now attempting in the face of strong opposition.

But unless these cliques are broken (as Presidents' Nixon, Johnson, Kennedy, Eisenhower and Truman learned to their sorrow) then these bureaucratic cliques rule their domains, not the president. The president can issue orders. Congress can pass laws. But these orders and these laws can be obfuscated, delayed, reinterpreted ad infinitum — and the office in question can run as it always has.

The president can transfer or call for the resignation of a relatively few men at the top of any agency or department. But these are the men who come and go from administration to administration. Beneath these "schedule C" administrators are the key civil servants, the career men who stay put. Many have long experience and intimate knowledge of their posts. Many are top rate men. But over the years, groups of these men, encased in their own small empires, become convinced that they, and they alone, know what is best. It is not that they are evil. They are merely officials who have become certain of their own rightness, regardless of what Congress or the president decides.

The only way to break up these small empires is to fire some of these key men or transfer them. By law their jobs are protected; firing is usually impossible. Transferring these men from one job to another is theoretically possible in some cases, if they're not reduced in pay or prestige. But in practice White House sources say, this route is so cumbersome as to be unworkable. The shifts must be handled case by case. Appeals and other procedural delays can be dragged out indefinitely.

But there is a loophole. If a department or agency is reorganized and a section abolished, or if a division is moved from one agency to another, then radical shifts in men can be made with relative ease.

Employment rights are protected. But cliques can be broken up and able administrators amongst them transferred to other divisions where their talents will be useful, but with the power of their cohesive groups broken.

Jeffrey Hart

Tougher Penalties

Worthy Of Note



First, Governor Nelson Rockefeller ruffled liberal feathers by demanding compulsory life sentences for drug pushers, then made matters even worse by suggesting that death sentences for big-time dealers would not be a bad idea.

And now, in the three stages to stress its importance, comes a set of tough proposals from President Nixon, first a radio speech, next a White House briefing, then a message to Congress.

Some thought has obviously gone into the Nixon approach, and his proposals have various facets. The death penalty is to be revived for certain specified crimes, such as assassination, skyjacking, kidnapping, building-bombing, and so on. By recommending a two-phase conviction and sentencing procedure, the sentence being imposed by a separate jury, Nixon hopes to meet the Supreme Court's objection that capital sentences have been im-

posed capriciously. Also, an individual charged with trafficking in heroin or morphine is to await his trial in prison: no bail. Jail sentences are to be variously stiffened; and the grounds for the insanity plea are to be much narrowed.

Obviously all these proposals have some merit and deserve to be carefully considered. And of course all the familiar arguments will reappear: Is a skyjacker or a kidnaper more or less dangerous when he knows that he faces execution? — to give just one example.

Yet the importance of the Rockefeller and Nixon proposals goes far beyond such details. Both political leaders intended to shift the focus of the discussion to the victim of crime, to communicate the fact that the national leadership shared his concerns, and that they were aware of his actual experience in walking the streets of our cities. In contrast, liberal rhetoric tends to focus on the criminal: it goes in search of underlying causes for crime; it posits poverty, discrimination or some other hypothetical cause; its focus is not upon the center of society, upon the average citizen, but at the margins — not upon the victims of crime, but upon the supposed victims of society.

Entirely apart from the merits of their proposals, both Nixon and Rockefeller were exercising responsible leadership by assuring the citizenry that the men at the top are aware of the average person's concerns. This indeed, is one of the prime functions of political rhetoric: to establish a kind of communion between the political leader and his fellow citizens.

We shall be hearing once again, of course, the debate over the deterrent value of capital punishment. I myself consider that debate not only unsettled but irrelevant.

SENIOR CITIZEN MONTH

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Urging renewed recognition, respect and concern for older Americans, President Nixon has proclaimed May as Senior Citizens Month.

BERRY'S WORLD



"It's so refreshing to meet a truly stuffy person these days!"

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They'll Tell Washington Their Plight

St. Joseph Woman Leads
Erosion Fighters

BY DAVE ANDREWS
Staff Writer

The battle against shoreline erosion along Michigan waters of the Great Lakes moves to Washington Thursday.

Armed with documents of



MRS. DONNA ASSELIN
Leads delegation

support from Gov. William Milliken, Michigan legislators and petitions signed by hundreds of shoreline property owners, a delegation of Michigan residents whose homes and lands have been battered by rising Great Lakes waters will appeal for federal guidance on erosion.

Mrs. Dean (Donna) Asselin of St. Joseph, chairman of the Lakeshore Property Owners association who will lead the group, said Michigan's entire congressional delegation and Sens. Robert P. Griffin and Philip A. Hart were invited to the meeting.

Many have indicated they will attend, she said.

Representatives of other federal agencies also are expected, she added, and possibly congressman or senators from other Great Lakes states.

"But we're not going to take our problems to Washington," she said. "We're going to ask how we can help ourselves."

Mrs. Asselin, whose home at 2826 South Lake Shore drive, St. Joseph, is menaced by the lake despite costly seawall, said 29 residents of the state originally had planned to travel to Washington at their own expense for the meeting.

Since the storm on the weekend of March 17, that group has been reduced to about 13 because financial resources of many who had planned to make the trip have been diverted into measures to protect their homes.

"This meeting is the culmination of a whole lot of work," Mrs. Asselin said.

The property owners association, she said, was organized in Shoreham in 1969. Now it covers the entire state with chapters in many communities.

She said there is 3,267 miles of Great Lakes shore in 43 counties of Michigan.

Speakers representing Berrien county Thursday will include Mrs. Asselin; Frank Lahr of Stevensville, Leonard Jacobs of New Buffalo, Robert Dixon of Michiana, and Atty. Richard Walsh of Chicago.

Van Buren county will be represented by Jerome Wilford of Clarkston.

Petitions to be presented read:

"We the undersigned taxpayer property owners on Lake Michigan... appeal to our Michigan congressmen and senators to exert every effort to more adequately control Great Lakes water levels and provide shoreline preservation programs designed to conserve remaining shoreland and prevent future disastrous property losses to ourselves and our great state of Michigan."



STOPGAP SEAWALL?: This \$2.2 million seawall in south St. Joseph was built in 1971 to protect Red Arrow from Lake Michigan erosion. But the lake is overcoming this fortification, as wave action is

eroding bank. Gerald Hepler, assistant city manager for St. Joseph, said waves crash over wall, and smaller waves are produced, which eat away at base of bank. Seawall was constructed by

State Highway department. This view looks towards Lake Crest apartments. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)

SJ Beach Owners Ask City Aid

Lions Park drive property owners last night presented a petition to the St. Joseph city commission calling upon the city to "undertake the cost" of building a seawall in the area "to protect the property and utility lines located in the Lions Park Beach area."

The commission, as it did last week when two property owners appeared seeking city aid, told this group of some 20 Lions Park drive residents that the city does not have the funds to undertake such a project, but would assist property owners in

obtaining aid from other sources.

The petition claims that "property along the shores of Lake Michigan protects the main water and sewer lines of the City of St. Joseph" and that these "public utilities are threatened with destruction if seawalls located in the Lions Park Beach are not repaired."

The petition concludes that "residents of said area are without sufficient funds to adequately protect said personal and public property."

The petition was presented by

Howard Harboldt, 1114 Lions park drive.

Those speaking before the commission complained that the city had spent some \$290,000 for seawall construction to protect Lions Park Beach to the south but had done "nothing but push sand into the lake to try to protect our homes," said Harboldt.

The seawall mentioned by Harboldt extends from a point just south of Harboldt's property and continues south past Lions Park Beach and forms protection for the St.

Joseph Water and Sewage Plant.

Area property owners contend that their property protects city water lines under Lions Park drive and the street itself "from being washed into the lake," according to Harboldt.

Harboldt asked the city to investigate the possibility of federal funds for the area. He based his request on a May, 1972, Army Corps of Engineers shoreline survey report.

Under a section titled "Existing Federal Laws On Beach Erosion Control and Lake Imun-

ation," the report says, "Privately owned shores may be eligible for Federal assistance only if there are significant public benefits arising from public use or from protection of nearby public property."

"Under this section," said Harboldt, "we are eligible for funds because our property protects public benefits."

Harboldt was told by Assistant City Manager Gerald W. Hepler that the city has tried under this law and many others to get funds to help defray cost of the city's southern seawall, but to no avail.

"Just because a book says the funds are available doesn't mean we can get them," said Hepler. He added that he would again apply under this law to enlist aid for the Lions Park drive area.

John Gillespie, 1106 Lions Park drive, suggested that, if nothing else, the city repair two groins at the end of the existing seawall. "I think this would help our situation a great deal," said Gillespie.

The commission passed a resolution supporting the establishment of a youth assistance program in the St. Joseph and Lakeshore school districts.

A grant has been requested from the office of Criminal Justice for funds to initiate a Youth Assistance Bureau in Berrien county.

Mayor Franklin Smith



EAGLE SCOUT: Bill Bartels, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bartels, 5290 Cleveland avenue, Stevensville, received Boy Scout Eagle award last night, according to David McCaa, scout master of Troop 103. Bartels has been in scouting since 1967 when he joined as a cub scout. He is currently a staff member of Camp Madron, and a varsity wrestler at Lake Shore high school. Bill has appeared in numerous productions of Twin City Players and has a lead in "Don't Drink The Water" which will be presented April 13 and 14 by Lakeshore high. The court of honor was held at Stevensville Methodist church.

as Medic-Alert week in St. Joseph.

Weekend Recreation Program Scheduled At 8 BH Schools

An eight-week recreational program to be conducted Friday nights and Saturdays in eight schools of the Benton Harbor district, will begin Friday, April 6, and run through Saturday, May 26, according to Harry Stephens, director of curriculum development for the district.

Samuel Jones, Jr., physical education instructor at Benton Harbor junior high school, will serve as program director. Sessions at each school will be headed by a certified supervisor and two aides.

The program is funded by a joint grant from Model Cities and Area Resources Improvement Council.

Activities will be held at Bard, Hull, Seely McCord, and Morton schools, all in the Benton Harbor-Benton township

Model Cities neighborhood; and also at Sorter, Lafayette, Sterne Brunson, and Fairplain West schools.

Objectives are to provide a variety of organized recreational activities for school youngsters of all ages, including physical fitness through exercises, volleyball, handball, basketball and other indoor and outdoor games.

Friday hours will be 5 to 9 p.m., as follows: Elementary (grades 1-6) from 5 to 6:30 p.m.; junior high (grades 7-9), 6:30 to 8; and senior high and young adults, 8 to 9 p.m.

Saturday hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. are: Elementary, 10 a.m. to noon; junior high, noon to 2 p.m.; senior high and young adults, 2 to 4 p.m.



FIRST MAJOR GIFT TO FOUNDATION: Gerhart H. Peppel (left representative of Aid Association to Lutherans, presents \$2,198 check to officers of newly-formed Southwestern Michigan Lutheran High School Foundation, Inc. Check is a percentage matching gift from fraternal insurance society to go with \$2,664 raised at benefit sponsored concert last December by local AAL

branches in area. AAL gift is first major gift received by new foundation for benefit of Michigan Lutheran high school. Accepting gift from Peppel for foundation, from left, are: Werner P. John, Battle Creek, foundation secretary; Henry P. Niffenegger, South Haven, vice president; Kenneth R. Schultz, St. Joseph, treasurer; Lenord Siewert, St. Joseph, president.

Houses In Hagar Getting Numbers

New house numbers are being put on Hagar township homes at no cost to the homeowner under a program planned by the Coloma Jaycees, according to Ken Russell, head of the program.

The program, authorized earlier by the Hagar township board, is being carried out by the Jaycees in conjunction with Michigan Bell Telephone company, Russell said.

Township Supervisor Edward Broderick, who is assisting Russell, said the program will make location of individual homes easier for repairmen, police, firemen and others.

Russell said the numbering is expected to be completed by mid-April. He said 50 percent of the township's residences are now identified by numbers.

BH Tells Plans For \$595,000

The Benton Harbor city commission last night approved spending \$595,000 in federal revenue sharing funds on major street improvements and sanitation work. The commission also heard a job description for the new post of deputy city manager in charge of employee relations and human resource development. Stories on page 7.

U.P. Prison Escapee Caught

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — An escaped Marquette Prison convict who was captured after holding a woman as hostage was expected to be arraigned on a kidnapping charge here today, police said.

Frank Donaldson, 30, surrendered Monday after police trapped him and his hostage on a dead end street in Negaunee.

Furnace Explodes; 6 People Escape

Six persons escaped serious injury last night when a gas furnace blew up in the basement of a house at 774 McAllister avenue, Benton Harbor. Police said all six were in the basement at the time of the explosion.

Two persons were treated for burns and released at Mercy hospital. Examinations of the other four showed no evidence of injury, police said.

None of the persons who were in the basement lives at the McAllister address, according to the police report. The occupant of the house was not listed.

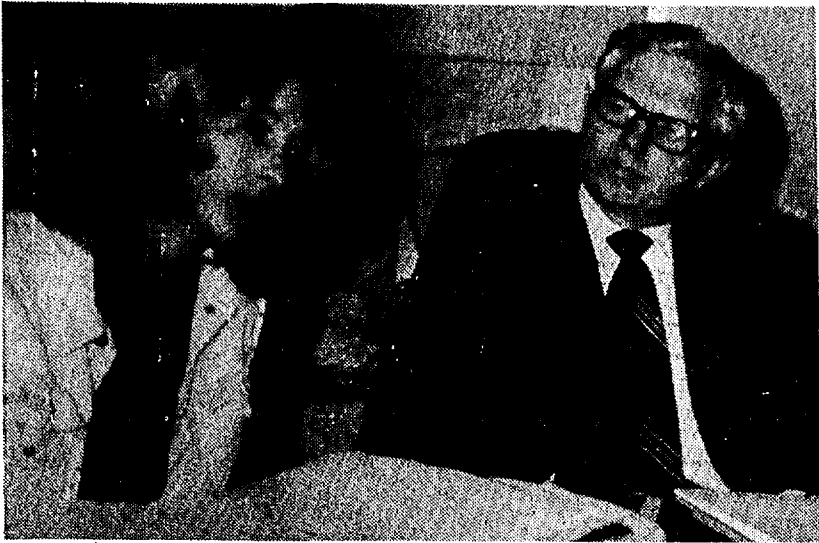
Police said investigation showed the explosion occurred about 7:25 p.m. after a man had

turned the furnace switch to the "on" position.

Treated for second and third degree burns to both hands was Ollie Kiser, 42, route 1, box 134, Townline road, Benton township. Nate Moore, 16, of 785 Pavone street, was treated for a burn to one ear.

The other four in the basement were identified as Ernest Moore, 16, also of 785 Pavone; Deborah Walker, 19, of 1225 Colfax avenue; Esther Watkins, 24, of 530 Broadway; and Gareth Moore, 10-months-old, 500 Highland avenue.

Firemen reported the only damage to the house was duct pipes blown off the furnace and a hole blown in the chimney.



ATTACKS LMC BOARD: Mrs. Kathryn Schreiber, member of an ad hoc student committee siding with the striking faculty members at Lake Michigan college, accused the trustees of the school of "arrogant disregard for the students" in not accepting a proposal to end the strike and take fired instructors back. Trustee Donald Eppelheimer listens. (Staff photo)

LMC Board Declines Discussion

No Action Taken On Teacher Proposal

BY JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

The Lake Michigan college board last night declined the request of one member for discussion of a proposal offered by the striking faculty last week to settle the six-week-old strike.

It also appointed a three-member hearing board to conduct a hearing for about 50 teachers who were fired March 6 for failing to return to their classrooms when ordered. The hearing is scheduled to start April 9. The hearing board will include Trustees Chairman Robert Small and Trustees Donald Eppelheimer and Earl Place.

The hearing is provided for in the Michigan Public Employment Relations act.

In other major actions last night the board adopted a \$2,896,000 tentative budget for the 1973-74 school year that is identical to the current budget in expenditures and income. It contains no money for pay raises, and President James Lehman called it a "hold the line" budget.

Trustee Richard Gates twice during the meeting asked for discussion of a proposal by the striking old faculty to return to work immediately. It would leave the issue of a 5.5 per cent pay hike plus "horizontal" and "vertical" increases on the pay grid up to whether the faculty wins or loses the decision in an unfair labor practice hearing now before Michigan Employment Relations commission examiner.

Board Chairman Small ruled Gates' request out of order and said the question could only be submitted first in executive session.

Approximately 100 striking teachers, students and sympathizers attended the board meeting. Some 30 were admitted to the small board meeting room, and the remainder heard the proceedings via a public address system piped to the corridor outside.

A student, Mrs. Kathryn Schreiber, accused the board of "arrogant disregard for the student" by refusing to settle the strike. She said it was the "overwhelming feeling" on the part of the students that they will not return to school until they get their old teachers back. Mrs. Schreiber said she spoke as a representative of the Ad Hoc Student-committee, composed of about 25 students.

On the other hand, Dr. Robert Cahow, executive director in the Michigan Community College association, expressed the support and backing of the directors of the MCCA for the LMC board's efforts to keep the school going in the face of an illegal teacher strike.

The tentative, or planning, budget approved by the board last night calls for exactly the same amount of expenditures in each category as are contained in the present year's budget. Salaries, wages and fringe benefits were pegged at \$2,105,570, or about 75 per cent of the \$2,896,000 in total expenditures.

Spending listed for other budget categories are: Contractual services (janitorial, etc.) \$236,535; materials and supplies, \$121,402; rent, utilities and insurance, \$197,293; other operating expenses, \$163,422; capital outlay, \$71,778.

The anticipated revenue side of the budgets shows a drop in money expected from tuition and fees, from \$610,000 this year to \$535,000 next year, because of lowered tuition rates and fees. A sharp anticipated rise in the district's state equalized valuation is looked to produce \$905,000 from the one mill property tax. The sum this year was \$810,000. Other income next year: State aid, \$1,328,000 federal sources, \$53,000; other revenue, \$75,000.

William Niemi, vice president for business affairs, said a \$1,050,000 building and site budget would see the completion of the Phase III Technologies Wing construction. The first and second floors will remain to be finished on the inside at the end of the present fiscal year.

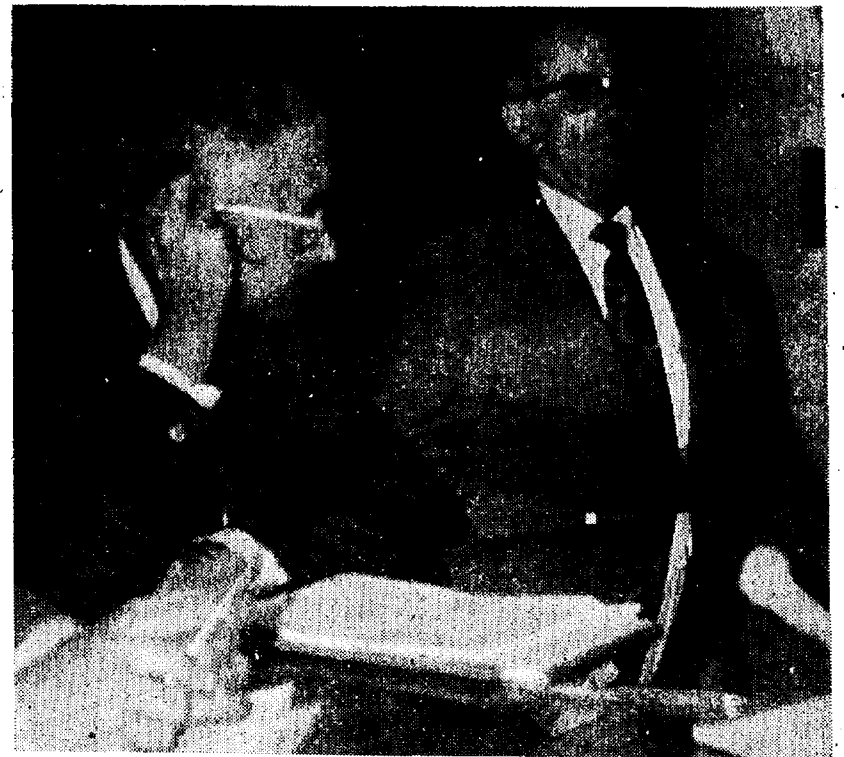
Niemi said the \$568,500 budget for the debt retirement fund would see debt retirement fund would see some reduction in the millage levy from the .494 of a mill assessed last for bonded debt payments.

The trustees last night adopted a new schedule year of student fees that eliminates previous charges for several items and changes the late registration fee from a straight \$12 to \$1 per credit hour. Dr. Richard Creal, vice president for instructions, said the new schedule would produce an overall reduction in fees for students.

The board also adopted a new tuition refund policy for 1973-74. It allows 100 per cent refund before the first week of classes in a semester, but no refund after five days of classes. Full refunds will be made if the college cancels a class.

When the trustees by a 6 to 1 vote named a minimum three-member hearing board to conduct the hearing for the fired teachers, Trustee Gates argued unsuccessfully that all seven trustees should serve on the panel.

Chairman Small said the board's labor relations counsel recommended the three-member panel, and that he was willing to leave it up to the counsel's advice.



BACKS THE BOARD: Dr. Robert Cahow (right), executive director of Michigan Community College association, Lansing, expresses the backing and support of the directors of the statewide community college group for Lake Michigan college board in fighting what he termed an illegal strike by faculty. Trustee Earl Place listens at last night's board meeting. (Staff photo)

Gobles Will Vote On 3 Mill Tax

GOBLES — Gobles school district voters will be asked to approve renewal of a three-mill property tax levy for school operation at the June 11 annual school election, the school board voted here last night.

The levy would replace a three-mill tax voted last year for one year. Authorization would be asked this time for two years.

The total school tax rate in Gobles this year, including the expiring three mills, was 20.8 mills. Three mills in the Gobles district raises \$26,000 yearly toward the district's \$860,141 budget.

At the June 11 election, voters will also fill one seat on the school board, the seat currently held by Ernest Welsh. Welsh said last night he does not intend to seek re-election.

In other action, the board approved a two-year contract for Supt. Guy Leversee, at a salary of \$21,100 per year. Leversee received \$20,000 this year.

The board approved creating the position of assistant high and junior high principal, and authorized Leversee to interview candidates for the job. The position is to be filled beginning with the 1973-74 school year.

Leversee said the salary for the position would depend on the qualifications of the person hired.

An overnight camping trip by the third grade class of Miss Marge Hannon, to the Van Buren county youth camp May 16, was approved by the board.

Elementary principal Randal Bos said 24 students would be involved, and said he and possibly some parents would accompany the trip.

A meeting by the board's contract negotiating committee with representatives of the Gobles Education association, the district teachers' union, was scheduled for April 3.

Tomie Saylor, high school principal, reported to the board

that a faculty curriculum study had recommended institution of more single-semester classes at the school, to allow more variety in offerings.

The board approved another 10-year lease on the old Bell school building to the Gobles-Kendall Improvement club. The building is leased at \$1 per year, and is used by Boy Scouts.

Bos reported a 72 per cent

turnout by parents for parent-teacher conferences March 15 and 16.

The board approved a maternity leave for Mrs. Linda Hurst, high school home economics teacher, beginning April 19. Also approved was hiring Mrs. Janet Wilder, of Paw Paw, a former teacher in Gobles schools, to substitute for Mrs. Hurst.



RECOVER WEAPONS: Buchanan Patrolman Robert Dings examines two weapons believed used in an unsuccessful armed robbery attempt near South Bend, Ind., March 17. Police said .38 caliber revolver and 12 gauge sawed off shotgun were found yesterday near where car believed used by men involved was abandoned west of Buchanan, following a high-speed chase by an off-duty Buchanan officer. Both guns were loaded when found, according to police. Two men were apprehended in a manhunt involving officers from seven departments following chase. (Staff photo)

Your Bible Worn Out?

Spring cleanup takes many forms, and to the youth group of Napier Parkview Baptist church, Fairplain, the target for pickups on Saturday is old, worn out, unwanted Bibles.

Group members will pick up the old Bibles over Berrien county Saturday, if the owners call the church. Residents also may deposit Bibles in a drop box in the church lounge.

Roger Wesner, 18, of 5600 Alpine Ridge, Stevensville, a youth group representative,

said the old Bibles will be sent to a missionary in California, for distribution among those who want them. Wesner said the Bible pickup can be linked to spring cleanup, and is titled, Project 66, for the 66 books in the Bible.

Wesner said the group hopes to use 10 to 15 cars in the drive, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday. If there is a deluge of calls, the pickup will be extended beyond Saturday, he said.

Appeals Court Is Short Of Judges

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan Court of Appeals says it needs three new judges to keep abreast of all the cases it handles.

In a report released Monday on its 1972 activities, the appeals

court said, in essence, that it ran fast last year, but was unable to keep up with its workload.

"We're asking for another panel," Chief Judge T. John Lesinski said. The appeals court

now has 15 judges, or five panels of three judges each. Filling Lesinski's request would boost the number to 18, or six panels.

The court disposed of 2,459 cases last year, a record, a five

per cent increase over 1971.

The cases last year rolled in faster than they were disposed of, as the number of new cases coming before the court totaled 2,799.

At year-end, the court has

2,314 cases still pending, an increase of 340 over the same time the previous year.

The court has been in existence since 1964 and in that time, the year-end workload has increased from 386 to 2,314.



4-H WORK ON DISPLAY: A big display of Berrien county 4-H creativity can be seen today and Wednesday, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Lakeshore high school gymnasium. The projects on display range from clothing to woodworking exhibits completed by county 4-H'ers this past winter. The junior and senior Miss Style Reviews will be held in the high school's auditorium tonight and Wednesday night, respectively at 7:30 p.m. Over 2,000 projects are on display at the annual 4-H Spring Achievement show. Admission is free. (Staff photo)

'True Cultural Center' Envisioned At LMC

Plans for a Phase IV building program that possibly could take the form of a 5,000-seat auditorium and civic center on Lake Michigan college campus were disclosed publicly last night for the first time.

The LMC board of trustees approved a \$68,000 budget to begin planning for what President James Lehman called first a community services building and then a "true cultural center."

At the 1972 graduation exercises, Lehman had alluded to the project as a "dream" that was five to 10 years from reality. At that time he envisioned the center as a 5,000-seat auditorium.

The Phase IV project as outlined last night did not have a definite form yet. The LMC president said the board of trustees earlier authorized the appointment of a citizens advisory com-

mittee to plan what functions the center should serve. The committee will also consider methods of financing the project.

Although Lehman said preliminary planning toward the project had been underway for five years, it came as a surprise to members of the news media covering last night's meeting.

The Phase IV planning budget adopted last night envisions an

appropriation of \$34,000 from the state legislature and \$34,000 in matching funds from unspecified sources. Expenditures listed were \$63,000 for architect and engineering and \$5,000 for travel and other expenses for the citizens advisory committee that is to determine what purposes that center should be built to serve.

The board last year turned down a state recreational grant to build a community recreational center on the campus.